

2024 March TPNA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30pm
At Reality Ministries, 916 Lamond

Attendees: Jill Wright, Annie Ambrose, Mollie Flowe, Scott Doron, Susan Jakes, Steve Unruhe, Tim McNulty, Karalyn Colopy, John Hodges-Copple, Mimi Kessler, and new members Elma and Max Longly

Guest speakers - Quinn Holmquist, RM Coordinator of Community Engagement, and John Hoover, participant in Reality. Reality Ministries is a social support organization for people with all abilities but in particular to people with disabilities. They are not a “service provider” and are a 501(c)3 organization. Their mission is to be a place where there is friendship and support, as a place for belonging. They have 16 staff members (most volunteer), 4 homes that house 111 people, and enjoy 30 interest groups all run by volunteers. Financial support is provided by donors or by grants. They have a waitlist for people wanting to join.

Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership - Karalyn updated us on receiving two grants awarded. \$8,000 will be split between updating the brick steps to the park (from Trinity) due to unevenness of surface over time. The remainder will be donated to Reality Ministries.

Treasurer’s report - Annie provided a report reflecting the income of \$362 from membership, expenses were related to the Board Retreat last month, and an update on the spreadsheet that reflects a zero balance.

Traffic - John Hodges-Copple provided a detailed review of the analysis of the TPNA Traffic Committee to provide written comments on the city budget and capital improvement plan. Focus currently is on the Roxboro/Mangum repaving because it is in the budget of his year.

John encouraged us to participate in the budget planning process to advocate for the Duke/Gregson/Vickers project to be funded this year and successive years for at least design. He cautioned that the backlog of projects in the Transportation Dept is LONG and if we don’t get in the queue for budget allocation it could be many years before this prior commitment bubbles to the top. .

Mimi Kessler moved, Annie Ambrose seconded that the TPNA board authorize the Traffic Committee (led by TPNA President Mollie Flowe) to send a letter to the City Council and the City Manager, and complete in a public comment form for the FY2025 budget public hearing, that conveys the following points:

1. That full implementation funding for those portions of Roxboro and Mangum Streets north of Ramseur Street be included in the FY25 CIP budget
2. That complete feasibility and design funding for Duke, Gregson and Vickers Streets between Club Boulevard and Lakewood/University be included in the FY25 budget
3. That sufficient staff resources be devoted to these projects in FY25.
4. That in order to potentially save money and to implement projects quickly, the staff should be directed to work with NCDOT to transfer responsibility for Duke, Gregson and Vickers between Club Boulevard and Lakewood/University from NCDOT to the city.

The motion carried unanimously.

Membership - Jill reported that the month of February was a "quiet".

Trinity Park Foundation - Karalyn reported that the Garden Tour would be on April 28th from 1p-5p.

- Julia BB recruiting volunteers for 1-3pm and 3-5pm shifts, HS students welcome.
- A Question about donating the proceeds from the tour to Farm Church. They are on the tour and asked if they could solicit donations during the event. There was discussion around ways they might do that and it was decided that TPNA donate to them for the irrigation of the pollinator garden they are establishing.

INC - Mimi reported that there was not much going on, INC is still monitoring development including that in SE Durham

Communications - Karalyn reported that the newsletter is about to publish and it will feature the Garden Tour

- T-shirts - Scott has looked into creating a TP t-shirt. He says that the site CafePress has a feature where you can have a "private shop" on their website where people can order merchandise. CafePress takes 10% of the revenue and they do all the production of items. T-shirts are as much as \$20/shirt to produce and caps are \$20. In the next issue of the newsletter he will provide copy for it related to this.

Community Building/Events - Mollie

- Egg Hunt March 30, 10-11:30am - Tim, Kathleen Barey, and Mollie will work on this item
- Ellerbe Creek clean up Friday March 22 (Julia Borbely-Brown)
- Garden Tour - April 28
- Home Tour - October 20, noon - 5 - tentative
- Future events (Halloween and Luminaria) need coordinators! Steve Falzorano has indicated that he does not want to continue his masterful work in leading all our events.

Urban Planning - Steve

- DSA update - due to salary disputes, DPS is rethinking or delaying DSA move. He will talk to Carl about keeping it where it is.

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands - Scott - nothing new to report

Safety - Mimi reported that at the PAC2 meeting, there were no particular issues other than the usual "lock your car doors, don't leave things in plain site that might be attractive, don't keep you gun in the car".

New Business - none this month

Adjourned at 8:30pm